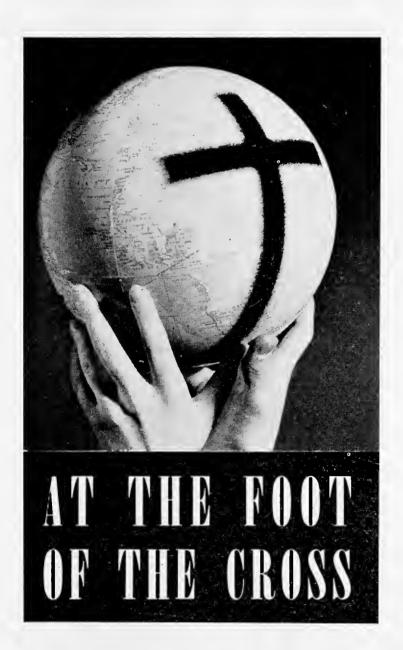




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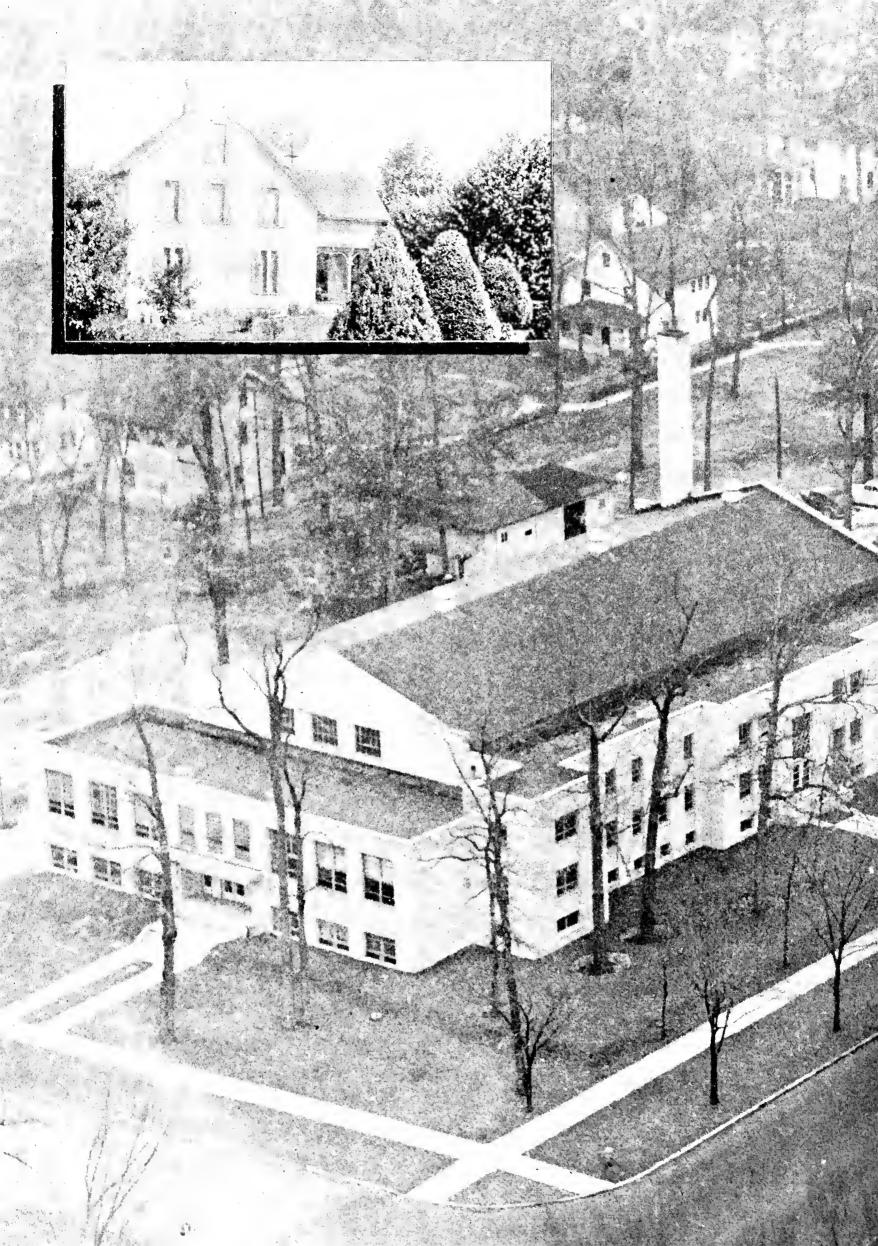


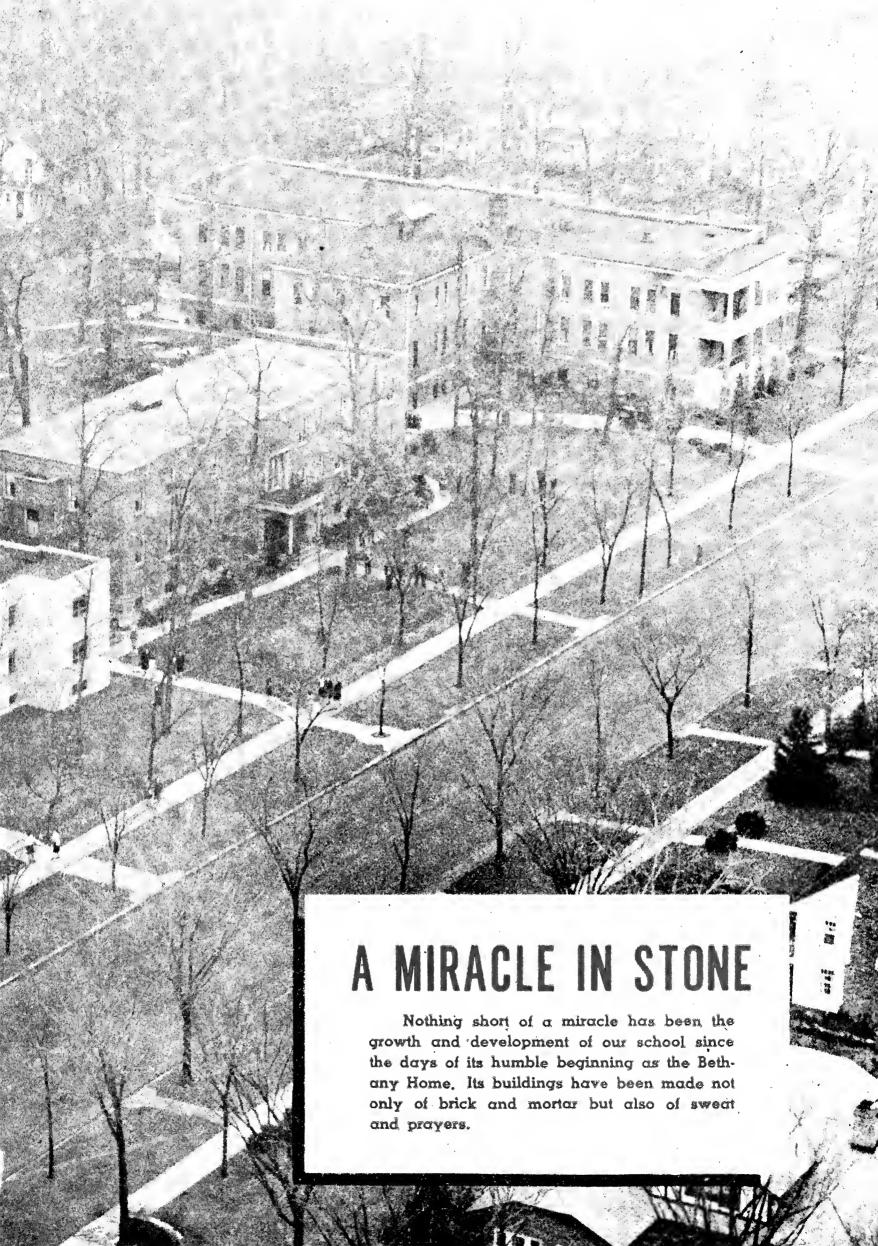
to professor c. a. gerber, instructor in vocal music, the class of 1945 dedicates this volume of the light tower in honor of his thirty-fourth year of service at our alma mater. small of stature but large of heart, he has won and held our admiration through the years. his intelligent appreciation of good music has inspired us; his sympathetic manner and gracious understanding have kept us plodding; his ability to take ordinary voices and harmonize them into a great chorus has brought favorable commendation to our institute, above all, his supreme motive has been to lead us to sing to the praise and glory of God.













ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

In the early nineties the vision of the B. P. Lugibihl family caused them to leave the farm and prepare for missionary service in Africa. Being unable to go to the field themselves, they desired to prepare others for the Lord's service. With this work in mind their home in Bluffton, Ohio, was enlarged and improved preparatory to opening the Bethany Bible Institute. The Institute was opened in 1895, with the late Rev. J. E. Ramseyer, the spiritual head, and Mr. and Mrs. Lugibihl, the supervisors. The opening was a step of faith, and God provided the teachers necessary at the time. A goodly number of students, after attending the twenty-week terms, were better prepared for the Master's service. Many of these original students have entered into the presence of their Lord, but there still remain many who are actively engaged in the Lord's work.



This first school closed in 1900, but the demand for this type of training reopened it again in 1904, with thirty-two student enrolled. Since more waited to come later, a change in the program was made necessary. An attempt to secure a larger and more central location finally led to Fort Wayne, Indiana. Numerous sites were suggested, but the price was always prohibitive. The present site of the school was suggested as a last resort, but the little group almost feared to ask the price of this ideally situated tract of virgin forest. However, their fears were groundless, and they succeeded in buying our campus for the very reasonable sum of \$1800. This amount was borrowed and work was begun. It is perhaps significant that the

first shovel of dirt was removed by a returned missionary, Rev. Isaac Hess, since about one-third of the graduates have gone to the foreign mission field.

Although the first building was not yet completed, classes were started in Fort Wayne the following winter at the City Mission on East Columbia Street, and the students lived in homes nearby. The new building, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, was rushed to completion in January, 1905, and the classes of the Bible Training School were moved there.



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The daily Chapel Hour and the Weekly Mission Band services were from its earliest years a regular part of the school life. The Quiet Hours also had their beginning with the school. These features have not changed. The growth of the school made necessary other changes, however. In addition to the regular Bible course a Bible-Music course was soon introduced. Several years later the Mission Band commenced the support of Rev. Clayton D. Steiner, a Bible Institute graduate laboring in Peru, South America. The steady increase in the number of students also made necessary an expansion of facilities. In 1929 an addition was proposed that would contain dormitory rooms and classrooms. In 1931 this building, BETHANY HALL, was completed at a cost of \$60,-000 and was dedicated to the Lord. The first edition of the Light Tower was published this year. Since the enrollment continued to grow, the Annex was purchased in 1937, to provide living quarters for five married couples. The Administration Building also was quite extensively modernized the same year. Nineteen thirty-eight saw the beginning of the School of Correspondence which filled a definite need among those who could not be in residence at the Institute. Further growth demanded more room, until in 1940 plans for a Music Hall were submitted. Since it was soon evident that the original plans for only a music hall would not meet the need, they were enlarged to include classrooms, a gymnasium, a dining room, and a chapel. This much needed building, FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL, was completed in 1942 at a cost of \$110,000. A further addition to the curriculum was made in 1944 when a summer term was added to the regular schedule.

Progress is still being made along every line of school life and work. Again the complaint is, "Behold now, the place . . . is too strait for us."

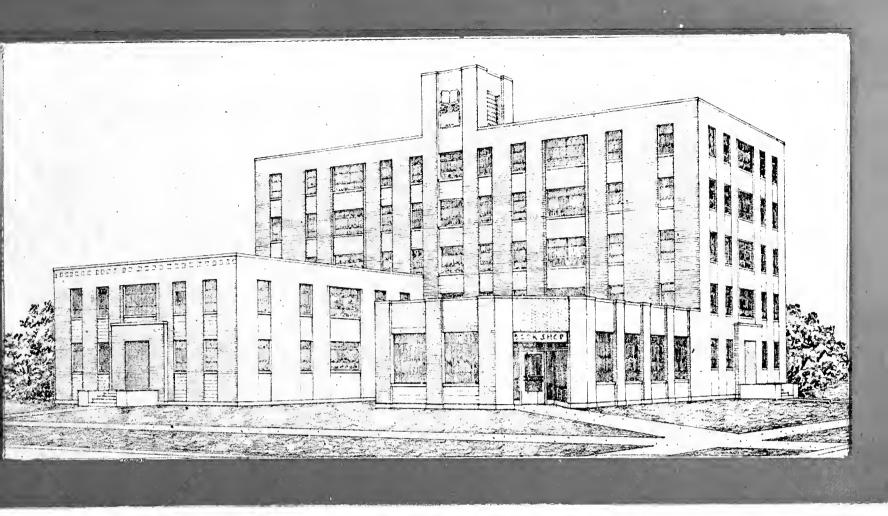
After the death of our beloved President, J. E. Ramseyer, many inquiries and suggestions relative to a memorial were made. It seemed to be generally felt that some appropriate memorial should be undertaken. The General Committee of the Missionary Church Association felt that since many local churches, The Bible Institute, and other friends may wish to share in whatever would be done, it would be in order for such a memorial to be undertaken.

A Committee appointed by the General Conference of the Missionary Church Association to draw up plans and solicit funds for this undertaking consists of Mr. S. A. Lehman of Fort Wayne; Mr. N. E. Roth of Grabill, Indiana; Mr. C. H. Muselman of Berne, Indiana; Mr. F. W. Lagerholm of Chicago, Illinois; Rev. V. O. Harrold of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Rev. Earl Leonard of Peorla, Illinois; Rev. Q. J. Everest of South Bend, Indiana; Rev. Eli Steiner of Bluffton, Ohio; and L. Shirl Hatfield of Pandora, Ohio.

To this number, the Committee is authorized to add an additional six names as it may deem wise. The committee has already added the names of Rev. J. A. Ringenberg; Mr. S. S. Gerig, Mr. Marion D. Lochner, Mr. Bert Hollopeter, all of Fort Wayne, and Mr. J. Francis Chase of Chicago, Illinois. It has also organized itself and elected the following officers: Mr. S. A. Lehman, Chairman; Rev. J. A. Ringenberg, Secretary; and Mr. S. S. Gerig, Treasurer.

Since "Daddy" Ramseyer was in all things a very practical man and not given to expenditures for mere show, it was felt that the memorial should be in keeping with that principle. There was a





project that had been on "Daddy" Ramseyer's heart and to which he had directed an initial \$1,000.00 given him to place as he felt it was needed most. This project was in the form of a head-quarters building that would meet the various needs of the Bible Institute and the Missionary Church Association.

The memorial proposed to meet this need is a building so arranged that the first floor can be utilized for offices, committee rooms, a book store, and probably, some apartments or rooms as space may permit. The upper floors are to be arranged into apartments and rooms suitable to the needs of the Institute and the Association. The estimated cost of this proposed new building is \$150,000. The building will be held in trust by the Trustees of the Missionary Church Association and its use directed by a committee, two-thirds of whose members are to be appointed by the General Committee of the Missionary Church Association and one-third by the Governing Board of the Institute.

Six men have given \$1000.00 each for the purchase of a suitable lot which has been secured at a cost of \$6000.00. This lot, 125 by 128 feet, is located on the southeast corner of South Wayne Avenue and Rudisill Boulevard diagonally across from the Bible Institute. In addition the students and alumni of the Bible Institute have raised in cash and subscriptions, over \$4000.00. A number of other gifts have been given by interested friends.

- 1. Administration Building
- 2. Bethany Hall
- 3. Founders' Memorial
- 4. "Mother" Ramseyer's Home

- 5. First Missionary Church
- 6. Site of proposed Ramseyer Memorial
- 7. P. L. Eicher Home
- 8. The Annex



raining for Service and Service in Training" has been the apt and pertinent motto of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute since its establishment in 1904. Moreover, during the years of its existence it has always tried to translate this motto into actual experience. This it still endeavors to do today.

The accomplishment of such a practical purpose demands teachers and teaching of the highest order. It necessitates that every member of the Faculty must not only know the Truth experientially, but it must be enshrined in his life, as Truth was incarnated in the life of Jesus Christ. This living exposition of the Truth continues, in and out of the class room, until Truth becomes personified in the student. Such is the divine program!

Such a program would fail of accomplishment were it not for the beneficent ministry of the Spirit of God. He distributes spiritual gifts to saved men and women; and these individuals, in turn, are given by Him for the ministry of the Church, the Body of Christ.

The gifts of the Spirit of God, however, are always potential. They are to be discovered within Christian personality like buried treasure. They need to be developed, dedicated to God used in His service, and distributed among others. For the realization of this objective the Bible Institute of Fort Wayne and its Faculty finds its fruitful field of Christian service. It was built to fill such a need. It is maintained to render such service. It is for the accomplishment of this spiritual ministry that the Fort Wayne Bible Institute and its Faculty dedicate themselves.





r. Pfundstein enters the Chapel, seats himself at the organ, and begins the prelude. Mr. (Doc) Steiner walks in **VERY** early. Mr. (Pop) Gerber hurries in turning the pages of a hymnbook, sets it on the piano, walks over to the organ to give the number, and then goes to the pulpit, ready to begin the opening song. Mr. Shank walks in with a worried look. He is trying to figure how to get the Light Tower ready on time. Misses White and Butz enter together, discussing the problem of preparing their meals while handling a full load of teaching. Dean (L. R.) Ringenberg walks in, his mind arranging the many announcements which must be made. Since Mr. Leightner also has an announcement to make, he seats himself on the platform this morning rather than on the back seat of the chapel. Mr. Shepley enters, deep in



AS WE SEE THE FACULTY

musings on philosophy. Even President (J. A.) Ringenberg has found time, despite numerous duties, to be with us for his bi-weekly chapel message. 'Guess they are all here. No! Here comes Mrs. Smith from a last-minute explanation with a Greek student concerning the use of the genitive absolute. And there is Miss Lehner, who has just finished ironing out a problem with her Bethany Hall girls. These are our leaders. With great patience they strive to teach us Truth. Of course they make mistakes occasionally. (We are happy for this, for we know not how we could live in the presence of perfection.) But we must say that we have a group of capable and consecrated leaders, and we give grateful thanks to God for them.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



REV. J. A. RINGENBERG

he apostle Paul gave most timely and pointed exhortations to Timothy, his son in the faith. These exhortations indicated the deep desire of the Apostle for this young minister. Three of these are so inclusive that they become basic to the others. There could be no more fitting words to young people who are preparing to serve in the Gospel than these, especially in days such as are upon us. Therefore, they are passed on to you as my sincerest hearts' desire for you.

"Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." There is no calling that dare demand more of hardships and self-denial than the Gospel ministry, whether at home or abroad. It will become necessary for you to stand firmly against most deceptive and insidious evils. Unless you are ready to take your stand regardless of cost, and if needs be alone, you will be ensnared and defeated by it.

"Study to show thyself approved

unto God." It will need to be remembered that you have only one person to please, God. It is He who sends you forth, cares for you; and it is to Him that you must give account. It may seem necessary today to please certain other folks, but if in doing so you lose the approval of God, your seeming advantage will be your ruin and you will end in defeat.

"Preach the word." You have only one message to carry, the Word of God. Others may insist on a large ministry, but you may well content yourself to be the messenger and mouthpiece of

God. His Word will meet your own need for time and eternity. It alone will furnish food for the souls of your listeners. It presents the only way of salvation for lost souls and a lost world. It will stand when all else fails and falls. God entrusts you with the glorious privilege of being His messenger boy, to carry His all important Word to those who perish without it.







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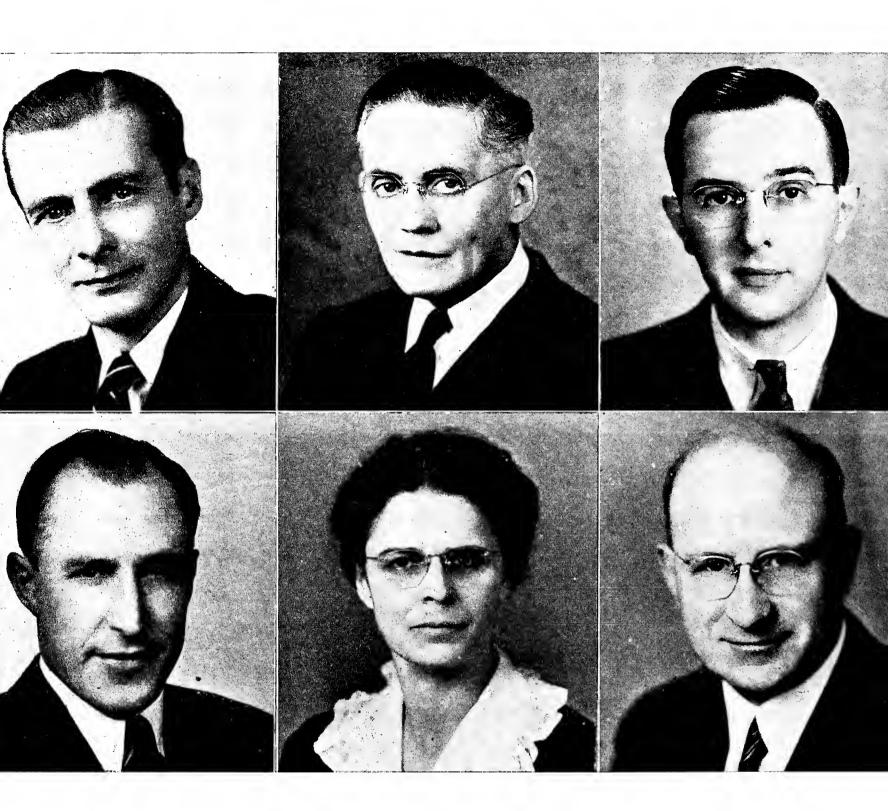
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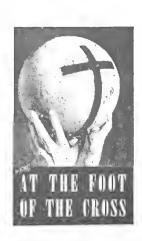
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Columbus Normal Ohio State University

> English Greek Spanish

". . . teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."—Col. 1:28.





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"... teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence ..."—Acts 28:31.



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MRS. J. E. RAMSEYER

ADA SMITHLaundry Supervisor

MRS. B. P. LUGIBIHL





HERE AND THERE

- 1. Recreation Period
- 2. "What's cookin'?"
- 3. "Wha'd I get?"
- 4. What? No story?
- 5. "Reverting to type?"
- 6. Nice day for a walk.
- 7. He'll chart your course.
- 8. "One, two,—no, use the fourth finger."
- 9. Down in "Them thar hills."
- 10. "Good morning, Bible Institute."
- 11. "No more than two."
- 12. "Well—ah. . ."
- 13. "Now when I was in school . . . !"
- 14. No time for posing.
- 15. Private audition.
- 16. "The laborer is worthy of his hire."
- 17. Standing room only.
- 18. Doing the daily dozen.





The Bible Institute of Fort Wayne is a means to the accomplishment of a Scriptural declared purpose. It is a spiritual laboratory where divine promises and provisions are put to actual test and authenticated and approved in Christian experience. It is one link in a golden chain of four units. This golden chain begins and ends with God. But between its ends this chain encompasses the world and binds it to the heart of God. The intervening links in this divine chain are the faculty members and the student body of the Bible Institute. Both, under the ministration of the Spirit, receive and give. Truth is received in order that it may be given to others. If it is freely given by the members of the Faculty, it is readily received by the students themselves. Accordingly, each student looks upon himself as the repository into which each faculty member is pouring the riches of his own study and experience and first-hand acquaintance with God. Consequently, each student becomes the trustee of everything he receives. And he in turn holds it in trust for others, knowing that some day he, too, is to give an account of the trusteeship to God.





CHAPELHOUR



Despite Professor Steiner's great efforts to have all students on time for Chapel, many of them still straggle in late. However, great improvement has been noted in their general punctuality. Another trouble is the students' persistence in moving farther and farther back every day; although they have been given numerous oral and written exhortations to come to the front. Perhaps the reason for this is that many students expect to sit in the very front as leaders the rest of their lives, and desire to make the best of the days when they can sit unobtrusively in the very back of the chapel. May we here note our thanks for the labor of Professors Ringenberg and Steiner in getting the students in the center section far enough forward to take a good picture. But, aside from the humorous vein, the students acknowledge the "Chapel Hour" as a time when they have been given food for thought, when they have been quickened in their souls, and when they have been drawn nearer to God. Together we thank God for it.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President	******	Gerald	Rino	ge:	nberg
Secretary			Dais	У	${\tt Wise}$
Chaplain			I.vle	St	einer

Vice-President	John Blosser
Treasurer	Marie Dean
Class Advisor	Miss Butz

The Senior Class of 1945, as it leaves the sacred halls of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, will not leave the memories of enriched fellowship with both God and fellow classmates.

The waves of spiritual blessings and fellowship have been uplifting in the class meetings which have been held the first Thursday evening of each month. Several of these meetings have been entirely devotional with a message from the Word by the chaplain, followed by praise and prayer. In other meetings, a period of devotion has been followed by the class business meeting.

Highlights of the senior events include the Junior-Senior banquet, the "Senior Outing," Baccalaureate, and Commencement. Rev Torrey Johnson, founder of the "Youth for Christ Rally" in Chicago, is our Commencement speaker.





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Special Chorus Prayer Leader Student Council

"An efficient student; always seeking the will of the Lord."

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Special Chorus S. S. Teacher

"Quietly she achieves her goal."

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"Her willingness to serve is enriched by her friendly spirit."

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"Showing forth the graciousness of God in simplicity

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"She walks softly in the fear of the Lord."

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" 'War-ye' studying Greek?" "Huh?
. Oh!" (Something nicer than Greek.)

MYRTES CABLE

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"Her strength is in the Lord."

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"Food for her body as well as her soul." $% \begin{center} \begin$

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Gospel Team Special Chorus S. S. Teacher Street Meeting Com.

"Conscientious, consistant, and creative in her Christian walk."

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"Unswerving in faith, unflinching in duty, level-headed in decision."

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VIOLET V. EGLY

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Gospel Team Special Chorus Child Evangelism Teacher Mission Band Comm.

"She hears the bells ringing in her dreams." $% \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial$

BESSIE FIRESTONE

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"She has had 'good years,' but never 'tires'."

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"Pain and pleasure are the threads that weave her life into beauty for the Lord."

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Special Chorus

"Her dignity is enriched by her gentle spirit."





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"An insignificant little lady who has baked a significant number (5000) of pies."

BETTY JEAN GREENMAN

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"Faith and strength are her stepping stones to victory."

JAMES GURLEY

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"A Southern gentleman, an exhorter of the faith."

MILDRED MARIE HIRSCHY

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"Humbly and willingly she sings her Master's praises."

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"Breathing forth the praises of God in every detail of her life."

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"Her wealth of experience and knowledge draws her closer to the Lord."

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"Faithfully discharging his duties as a true servant of God."

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Special Chorus Gospel Team City Mission

"Sing and smile and pray that's Eleanor's way."

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THEOLOGICAL

Gospel Team Mission Band Com. Light Tower Staff Special Chorus Men's Chorus

"A song and a smile that's really worth while."

ARTHUR E. REIFEL

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MISSIONARY

Tract Team Chairman Tract Team Prayer Leader

"Seeking the lost at the uttermost cost."





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Men's Student Council Senior Class President Student Pastor Asst. Editor Lt. Tower '44 Assoc. Ed. Lt. Tower '45 Chairman Youth Conf. Com.

"A lover of the Lord Jesus Christ—and violets also."

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"Her yielded life emanates the fragrance of the Rose of Sharon."

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Men's Student Council
Class President, Jr. Year.
Physical Ed. Instructor

"Compassion and burning zeal to win the lost." $\label{eq:compassion}$

GLORIA D. SPRECHER

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Asst. Prayer Leader Church Worker

"Ding-a-ling! Ding-a-ling! Here comes shh—Spreck."

LYLE F. STEINER

Pandora, Ohio

MISSIONARY

Gospel Team Tract Team Prayer Leader Special Chorus Men's Chorus Chaplain Senior Class

"He studies hard and soon will get his Th. B.'."

DAISY ANN WISE

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Special Chorus
Gospel Team
Senior Class Sec'y.
"A hint to the wise is sufficient."

EULA M. WISE

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"Her heart is warmed with the friends she's made."

HILDA WAYRE

R. F. D. 3 Urbana, Ohio

TWO-YEAR BIBLE-MUSIC

Special Chorus
Gospel Team
Junior Class Sec'y.
"Were I a brainy-man it wouldn't be
Greek to me."

ANALYSIS OF ENROLLMENT

Census

	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
School of Bible	157	176	173	187	195
School of Music	19	30	36	44	47
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	176	206	209	231	242

Enrollment by States

Arizona	4	Nebraska	1
California	4	North Carolina	1
Illinois	16	North Dakota	3
Indiana	87	Ohio	47
Ιοwα	1	Pennsylvania	11
Kansas	7	Tennessee	1
Michigan	59		



Denominational Affiliations

Berean Reformed	1
Christian	3
Christian Congregational	3
Christian and Miss. Alliance	16
Christian Union	3
Church of the Brethren	2
Church of Christ	1
Church of God	2
Congregational	3
Evangelical	7
Evangelical Free	1
Free Methodist	1
Friends	1
Gospel Temple	1
Independent	9
Interdenominational	2
Mennonite Brethren in Christ	41
Mennonite (Central)	1
Mennonite (Defenseless)	1
Mennonite (General Conf.)	3
Mennonite (Old)	l
Methodist	7
Mission Covenant	l
Missionary Church Association	95
Nazarene	7
Pilgrim Holiness	5
United Brethren	7
Zoller's Tabernacle	2
No Church Affiliation	4
Pre-Institute	
Educational Level	
College Graduates	12
Three Years College	4
Two Years College	3
One Year College	12
High School Graduates	
Three Years High School	10
Two Years High School	15



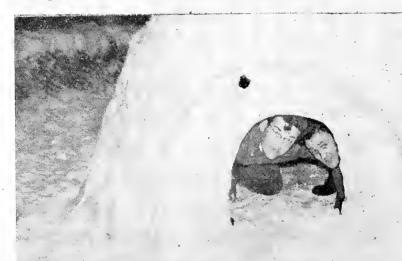
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Bear Ye One Another's Burdens



Saturday Night Beauty Class.



Missionary Preparation for Cold Alaska



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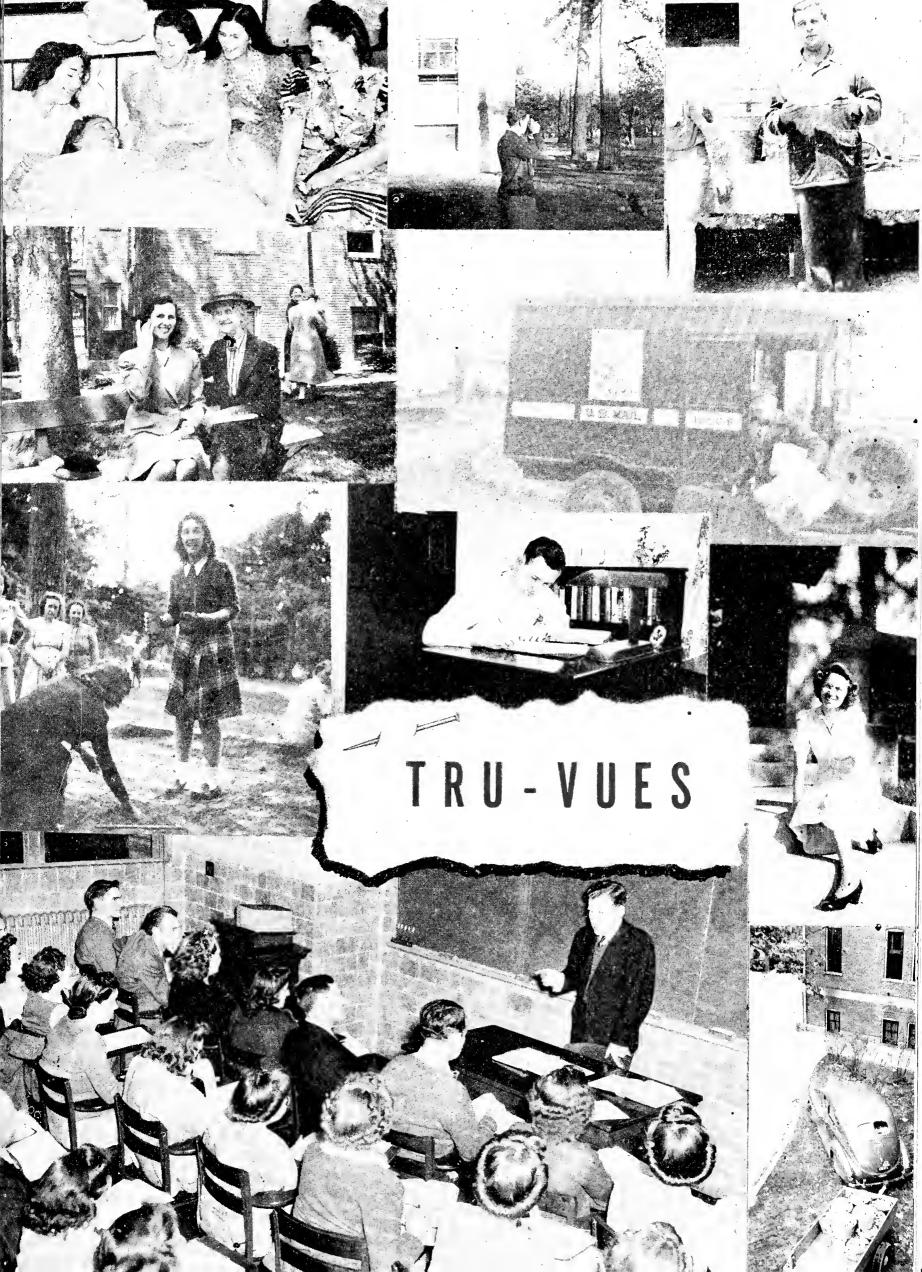
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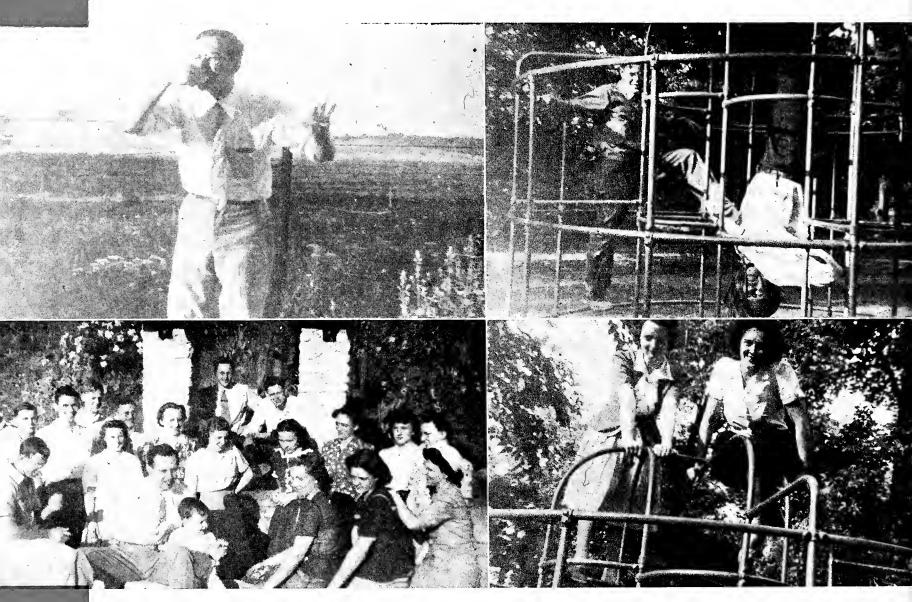
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SUMMER SCHOOL



Outing at Webster Lake,

Fun at Foster Park.

The Bible Institute campus provides an ideal situation for a Christian's summer retreat. It has a covering of native trees, and its buildings are constructed and equipped to insure comfort even in hot summer days. The summer verdure of Rudisill Boulevard, the nearby Foster Park, and the winding Saint Mary's River are some of nature's preparations which combine with the spiritual purpose of the Summer School to make it a recreation for body, mind, and spirit.

Regular courses of the Bible Institute curriculum are taught in four and eight units. Classes are held mainly in the forenoons, leaving the afternoons and evenings for study, rest, employment, or recreation. Students of the regular school year, new students, ministers, and others who desire better preparation for serving Christ are among those who attend.

The smaller attendance of the Summer School makes possible a close fellowship with other students and with instructors. Attendance at one or more of the terms thus has the possibility of spiritual enrichment and contact with eternal realities, which may be a blessed memorial for time and eternity.

Students: Lois Vollmar, Lillian Horton, Betty Haas, Bob Stadler. One of Our Teachers—Miss Butz,

Students: Myrtes Cable, Lois Vollmar, Velma Rice, Helen Kemmerer, Eleanor Waltman.





There are two ways of looking at the cross of Jesus Christ. If we stand before it, facing it; the world is excluded from our gaze, and sorrow overwhelms us. If we stand at the cross with the world as our object of vision, Christian service is the inevitable result. The first attitude is commiseration; the second is consecration.

The blessings received in consecration to Jesus Christ motivate Christian service at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute. Its student body sees the world as a gigantic harvest field, whitened unto harvest. It beholds the people of the earth as sheep without a shepherd. It notes the lack of laborers and the absence of under-shepherds. And immediately the individual response is, "Here am I; send me!"

The Spaniards stamped on their coins"Ne Plus Ultra"—"nothing beyond." However, after the discovery of America this motto became "Plus Ultra"—"more beyond." The students of the Bible Institute believe this is true in a spiritual sense, and they with other consecrated young people are attempting the seemingly impossible task of taking the whole Bible to the whole world.

SECTION THREE



MISSIONS

"Vision without work is visionary; work without vision is mercenary; but vision and work is missionary." Deep in the heart of the founders of the Bible Institute was the vision of lost souls both at home and abroad. Having the vision, they began to work in behalf of the great missionary enterprise. They labored in prayer and in training young people for Christian service. The Great Commission is the only commission. The Church has no other business. The world-field is the only field. Missions play a great part in our school curriculum because our leaders recognize that the first work and the chief work of the whole Church is to give the Gospel to the whole world. "The world is redeemed, but it does not know it." And it never will know until the Church publishes the good news everywhere through its living witnesses. Christ will never change His plan. He will wait until His followers fulfill His expectations.

The horizon of the students is widened to the whole world of human need through the Friday evening Mission Band service, the Missionary Prayer Meetings, and the missionary courses offered in the curriculum. In the Mission Band services returned missionaries from all parts of the world present a real challenge to us of the vast need of ambassadors for Christ. Millions of lost souls, lost because all have sinned, are still waiting in heathen darkness for someone to bring them the Light of the Gospel. As the students are praying in the Missionary Prayer Meetings, God is working in other parts of the earth. News reaching us of answers to prayer encourages us to be fervent in prayer. Students pray for the lost, bear one another's burdens, and pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest.

The courses offered in missions acquaint the student with the individual fields, the work accomplished, the outstanding problems and needs of each field, missionary administration and support, as well as the qualifications of missionaries. Many former students have already obeyed Christ's command in preaching the Gospel; and at present many others, as missionary candidates, are awaiting the door to open. The need is great. Students are continually responding by saying, "Thy call I will obey." "Why should we hear twice before all have heard once?"





REGULARS SITTING: Myrtes Cable, Gladys Chapman, Charles Joder, Wauneta Shoup (Leader), Dean Freed, Evon Gaberdiel, and Ruth Allen. No picture: Arthur Neuenschwander.

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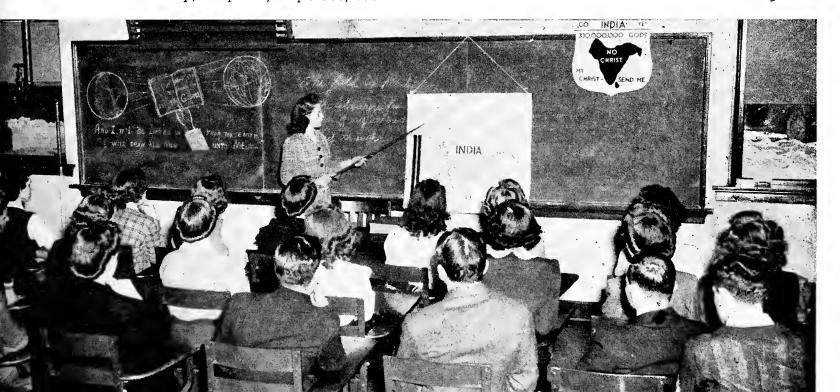
We as leaders of the Five O'clock Missionary Prayer Meeting, present the needs of the mission fields throughout the world each week. On Monday evening our burden is Mexico, Central and South America, and the West Indies. The need in Africa and Madagascar is our concern on Tuesday evening. On Welnesday we pray for India, Burma, Ceylon, and the little known countries of Afghanistan, Nepal, and Baluchistan. The great fields of China, Japan, French Indo-China, Tibet, Korea, Manchuria, and Mongolia are called to our attention on Thursday. On Friday we concern ourselves with Europe, the Near East, and the Jews. The needs of Alaska, Labrador, Canada, and the Tract Team are presented on Saturday. On Sunday we remember the Netherlands East Indies, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, Malay, Pacific Islands, and the school's Gospel teams that are ministering throughout the Tri-State area.

5 O'CLOCK PRAYER MEETING

WE MUST PRAY

In every hour full sixty minutes,
Four and twenty hours each day;
And yet, no time for intercession
For the lost along life's way?
Suppose the Cross our Christ evaded,
Willing not to pay the cost;
Oh think, my friend, what we would
suffer—
Guilty, helpless, hopeless, lost.

And what if He, our Lord and Master,
When he walked life's toilsome road,
Had spent His hours in earthly pleasure,
None to lift a brother's load?
Dare we recline so idly dreaming
While the minutes pass away?
No! The lost must hear of Jesus;
We must pray and pray and pray.
Nettie Dodge





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JDENTS' MISSION BAND

Each Friday evening the students of the Bible Institute gather in the Chapel for the weekly meeting of the Students' Mission Band. An offering for missions is taken in each service, and all of the money thus received goes to help those who are taking the Gospel to those in need. In view of helping many of our own graduates who are candidates for the mission field, this year's Mission Band has set its goal at \$1500. Of course the high light of each service is the missionary message from one who has seen the need firsthand. As we heard these stirring messages from the fields of labor, we are moved to pray the "Missionary Prayer":

"Lord, send us a vision of souls in need,
Regardless of color or race or creed,
Or whether the surface be polished or rough;
If outside Thy kingdom, that is enough—
Enough for Thy servant, whose duty is plain,
To bring them to Christ and His kingdom again.
It matters but little how sunken they be,
Their lives are transfigured, when Jesus they see.
So send us the vision and give us the grace
To bring in the lost to the light of Thy face."
——anonymous.



GOSPELTEAMS

The Gospel teams have become a distinct part of the Bible Institute. One can scarcely think of the Institute without thinking of the Gospel teams that represent the school. At the beginning of each school year, when most of the teams are formed, the students are enthusiastic to enter this special work. Members of the Gospel teams have wonderful opportunities to serve the Lord and to gain invaluable experience in appearing before audiences.

Ten Gospel teams have been engaged practically every Sunday during the school year. There have been occasions when the demands for Gospel teams have exceeded the supply.

Long-distant trips have been curtailed somewhat because of the gasoline and tire situation; but, nevertheless, trips were made to points as far distant as Detroit, Saginaw, and Battle Creek, Michigan; Hamilton and Toledo, Ohio; Elkhart, Indiana; and Chicago, Illinois. The teams have aided in revival services in many different denominations; they have assisted in Youth Conferences; and they have taken complete charge of worship services. Most important of all is the fact that they have invariably returned to the school with reports of victory. For the many souls who have been saved and sanctified through the ministry of these teams, we give all glory to God.



Coyla Crow—Second Soprano
Eula Wise—First Soprano
Daisy Wise—First Alto
Ila Crow—Second Alto

ATTHE FOOT

Jack Schierling—First Tenor
Vernon Petersen—Second
Tenor
Donald Rohrs—Bass
Wayne Judd—Baritone

Oliver E. Steiner—First Trombone

Loren Randall—First Trumpet

John Caddy—Second Trumpet

Neil Neuenschwander—Second

Trombone

Robert Quay—First Tenor
Charles McHatton—Second
Tenor
Robert Magary—Baritone
Lyle Steiner—Bass



OF THE CROSS



Thelma Schmidt—Second Sorpano Nelva Reinders—Alto Eleanor Waltman—First Soprano



Alice Schumacher—First Soprano Margaret Bryan—Second Soprano Marie Dean—Alto



Mildred Hirschy—First Soprano Betta Lu Cripe—Second Soprano Kathleen Inniger—Alto

AT THE FOOT

Ruth Schierling—First Soprano Chloetta Egley—Second Soprano Violet Egly—Alto

Hilda Warye—Second Soprano Betty Beck—Alto Mary Cable—First Soprano

Carolyn Meier—Second Soprano Amy Leightner—Alto Phyllis Meier—First Soprano



OF THE CROSS

THE MESSIAH



One of the high lights of the Christmas season was the rendition of Handel's famous oratorio, "The Messiah," by the Special Chorus on December 17 in Founder's Memorial.

This chorus of one hundred two voices was under the direction of Professor Oliver Steiner with Mrs. Steiner at the piano and Professor Robert Pfundstein at the console of the organ. The soloists were: Soprano—Florence Habegger, Cleveland, Ohio; Alto—Dorothy Lugibihl Lehman, Baltimore, Maryland; Tenor—Edward Burkhalter, Wheaton, Illinois; Bass—Wilson Jones, Chicago, Illinois.



Every Monday and Wednesday at seven-thirty the members of the chorus found their way into the chapel for some real work on this great oratorio. The hours spent in intensive rehearsing for the presentation of "The Messiah" were truly worthwhile and blessed. Much time was spent in drilling for the correct tone quality and enunciation. Training received both educationally and spiritually in rehearsing for the rendition of this marvelous oratorio will be valued throughout the coming years.

The prayer and aim of this chorus is that its members might sing to the best of their ability the matchless Word of God into the hearts of others, and through this means be made a blessing to those who hear them.

ORCHESTRA

The orchestra, under the instruction of Professor Steiner, is composed of from ten to twelve students of the Institute who play during the song services of our Mission Band. This group inspires the students to sing with greater zeal. The members of the orchestra enjoy serving the Lord in this way with the talents which He has given them to use. This is not an organized group but is composed of any who have instruments and are willing to play. They must sacrifice a little time since they meet every Friday afternoon for practice. However, playing each week in this way gives valuable experience, especially to those of the brass section as it gives them practice in transposing. The orchestra is a blessing to those who play as well as to those who listen.





YOUTH CONFERENCE

"Take Christ as your Saviour,
He died for you;
Live Christ among others,
He'll keep you true;
Give Christ your best service
Loyal and true:
Take Christ, Live Christ, Give Christ,
And the best will come back to you."

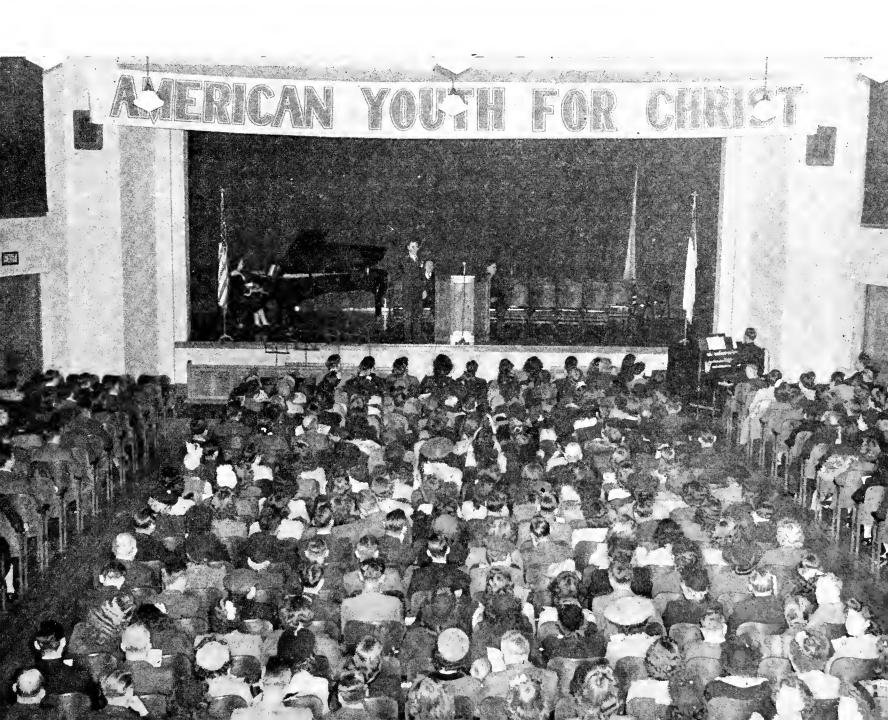
This theme chorus opened the Fifth Annual Fort Wayne Youth Conference which was held on October 20, 21, 22, 1944. Several interesting features high lighted this year's Conference which was the biggest and best in the history of this organization. The evangelist for the Conference was Rev. Quinton J. Everest, pastor of "Your Worship Hour" radio program and of the River Park Gospel Center of South Bend, Indiana. Since Mr. Everest graduaed from the Bible Institute and has a large radio ministry at the present time, he was well qualified to understand the spiritual problems of young people today. His forceful, Spirit-quickened messages led many to seek the Lord in saving and sanctifying power.

Rev. Daniel Demin of Jackson, Michigan was the evangelistic song leader. Through his direction a spirit of praise was felt in all of the song services. He was assisted in the music by the Gospel teams from the Institute.

One of the new features this year was the Saturday morning discussion classes concerning timely questions bearing on the Christian life and ministry. The four discussion classes were led by three local pastors, Dr. G. J. Long, Rev.



L. H. Roebuck, Rev. Tilman Amstutz, and a member of the Institute faculty, Prof. Oliver Steiner. A missionary emphasis was also added to the Conference when Rev. Charles P. Culver, missionary and world traveler, gave a challenging message Saturday afternoon. His vivid presentation of the need inspired many to consecrate themselves wholly for missionary service wherever the Lord leads them. Many young people went out from these meetings to fulfill the motto of the Conference: "American Youth for Christ".



STREET MEETING



Under the direction of the Street Meeting Committee, evangelistic services are held each Saturday and Sunday night during the fall and spring months at Transfer Corner in downtown Fort Wayne. Christ is presented to those who stop and listen as the message is amplified by means of a public address system which sounds out above the noise of passing streetcars and automobiles. A large number of students take part in the services which are composed of group songs, personal testimonies, instrumental and vocal numbers, and a short appealing message from the Word of God.

Tracts distributed during each service on the immediate corners have brought opportunities to many students for a word of witnessing for Christ. An average of two thousand tracts were passed out at each service this year.

The committee has secured a new public address system and a new microphone which is designed especially for such work. God has blessed with the salvation of many souls. For these souls we are thankful, and we give Him all the glory for them.







CHILD EVANGELISM

"Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only" has had its practical aspect in the efforts of the Child Evangelism Fellowship. It has been the privilege of some of our young ladies to participate in the work of this nationally and internationally known organization as it has had opportunity to open doors in the city of Fort Wayne. Prior to the formation of classes, several of the students made a systematic canvass of an assigned territory with the purpose of securing homes in which the classes could meet, and to interest parents in sending their children to the Child Evangelism classes.

Our teachers meet approximately seventy-five children per week, many of whom may be

numbered as a "harvest of Souls." They enter enthusiastically into the singing of Gospel songs and each week store in their minds and hearts memory verses from God's Word.

Our prospects for continued ministry in this field are encouraging. May we continue to pray that the field white unto harvest with the souls of little children may have an increasing number of reapers.



Standing: Glenn McHatton, Rudy Rieker, Harold Prong, William Bodine, Bruce Pearson, Richard Hazen, William Overhulser, Eugene Sims. Seated: Lyndell Cash, Arthur Riefel, William Weihl.

Lynford Orr, Doyt Fleming, Gerald Ringenberg, Ralph Wolford, Daniel Dyck.

Standing: Harold Klein, James Geahlen, Lillie Farah, Edgar Neuenschwander, Nettie Dodge, Fred Wright, Juanita Korta, Everett Blood, Velma Goff, David Siemens.

Seated: Betty White, Barbara Shoup, Wauneta Shoup, Evelyn Duff, Iyla Duncan.



TRACT TEAM

Every Saturday evening during the winter months the Tract Team meets for meditation and prayer before undertaking the work of the evening. This Team, chosen from the fellows of the Institute, distribute Gospel tracts in the beer gardens, bowling alleys, and shoe-shining parlors of Fort Wayne. In this manner of presenting the Word, the members of the Team are privileged to give out an average of three thousand tracts each Saturday evening. These tracts are provided by the voluntary donations of the Institute, faculty, and students. Two fellows follow each of the five routes, distributing the tracts in over a hundred taverns throughout the city. In addition to distributing the tracts, the fellows deal personally with those who express interest in the Gospel. God has said that His Word will not return unto Him void, and He has honored this promise through the salvation of a number of souls.

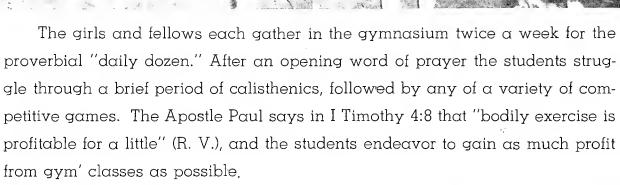
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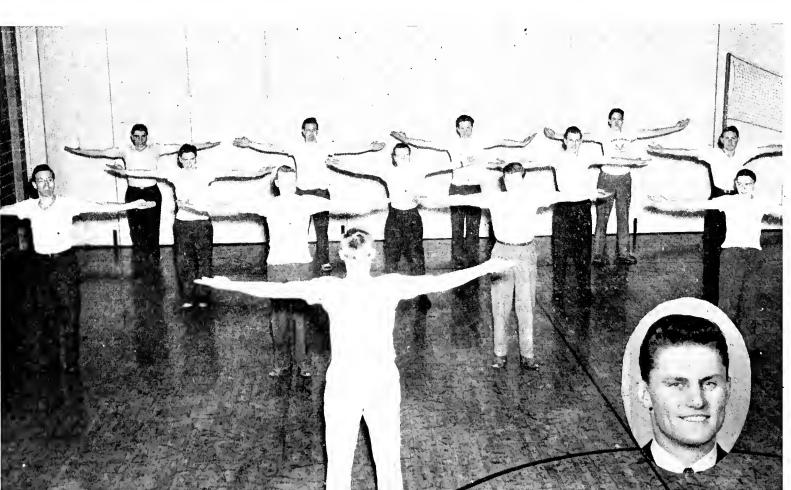
During the past year several students have been going out from the Bible Institute as student pastors. Many churches, representing seven denominations, have been served regularly in this way. The student pastors are a busy lot for they must carry on their regular school work in addition to ministering to the spiritual needs of their flocks. Despite their many duties, they are happy because they have learned to trust the Lord for their recurring needs. This practical training, which carries out the motto of the Institute, will surely stand them in good stead in the future years of their ministry for God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

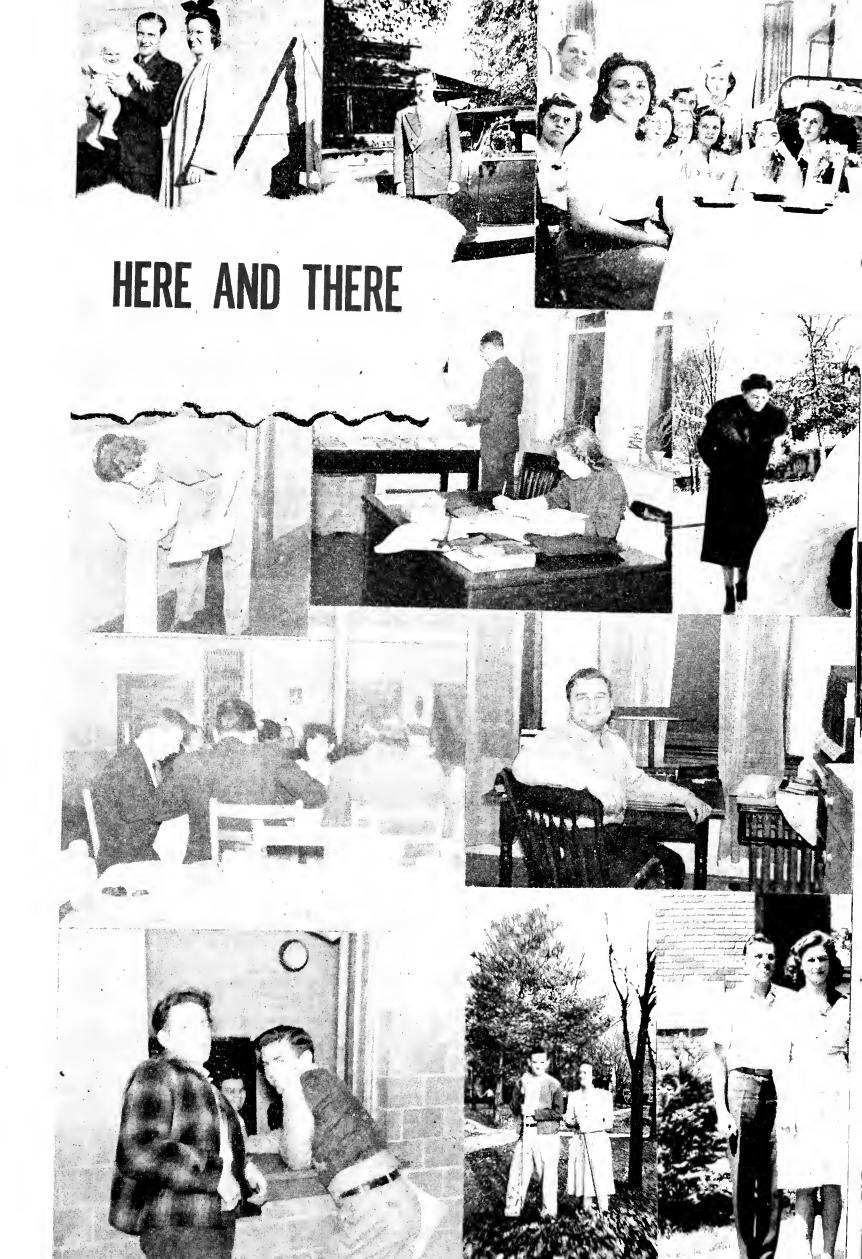
Eighteen students as regular Sunday school teachers have also been carrying out the motto of the Bible Institute, "Training for Service and Service in Training." Nine churches of six denominations have had a real need met in the teaching of their classes. In addition to these "regulars" numerous students have substituted at various times during the year when the assigned teachers have been unable to take their classes. The students in these classes range in age from the energetic youngster to the old saint, rooted and grounded in the Word. The school rejoices in the good work done by these teachers. Especially do we rejoice in the young lives that will be devoted to the Master for life because of this faithful service.







EDUCATION





YOUR LIGHT TOWER STAFF

The Light Tower is the official, annual publication of each graduating class of the Fort Wayne Bible Institute.

The purpose for publishing **The Light Tower** is to present the members of the Senior Class as well as the other students and the members of the faculty to the wide circle of Christian people interested in the Bible Institute, to give a true representation in writing and pictures of the spirit and life of the school, and to exalt Christ in such a way as to challenge many youth to enter the great work of world evangelism.

Though **The Light Tower** is published by the Senior Class, many of the assistant officers on the Staff are Juniors. In fact, a member of the Junior Class, Mr. Dingeman Teuling, has very efficiently filled the office of production and art editor and deserves much of the credit for the attractiveness of this year-book.

The Light Tower Staff has been a busy lot. Some people have wondered why a light burned in the southeast basement room of Founder's Memorial until very late during many winter nights. A peep in the door would have frequently revealed Wayne Brenneman, Dingeman Teuling, Gerald Ringenberg, and sometimes other members of the Staff hard at work in the midst of stacks of manuscripts, piles of photographs, and tables covered with layouts and designs. However, sometimes their more immediate task was to take care of several quarts of ice cream. The smell of rubber cement, the chatter of a typewriter, and the discussions over technical points in punctuation raised by Mr. Shank helped to characterize the atmosphere of the Light Tower room. Although the production of this annual required much hard work, the Staff thoroughly enjoyed it.

With the prayer that through its efforts the Christ of the Cross may be exalted and that souls may find in Him all their needs supplied, the Staff presents **The Light Tower** of 1945.

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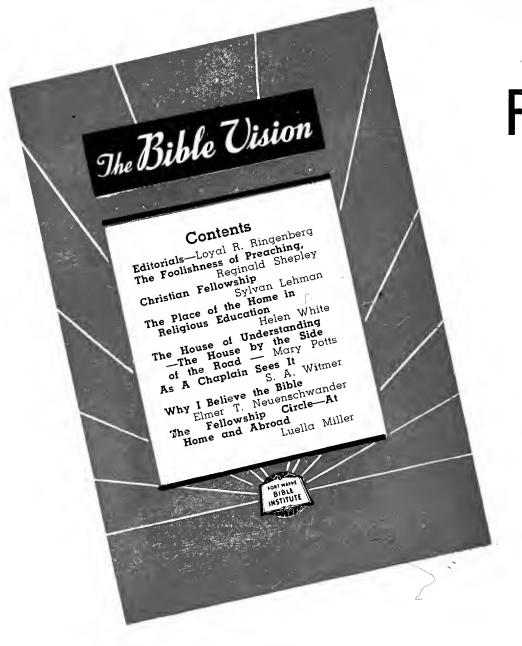


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The official publication of the Bible Institute is a bimonthly magazine, **The Bible Vision.** This publication presents articles of general Christian interest and the news of the Fellowship Circle which is composed of all the students who have spent at least one semester in the Bible Institute. The object of this Circle is to maintain and stimulate the fellowship which is begun in the Institute, to promote prayer in behalf of every member and the school at present, and to encourage each one as a true representative of Christ. One way in which the accomplishment of these ends is realized is by holding the Fellowship Banquet, one of the high lights of the latter part of the school year.

This eagerly anticipated event affords opportunity for renewing old friend-ships and cementing of new ones. In addition to the promotion of fellowship, the Circle has assumed the gigantic task of informing all its members of the plans for the erection of the Joseph E. Ramseyer Memorial. Many of the pledges received may be attributed to these indefatigable efforts. For this work the Bible Institute owes a vote of thanks.





STUDENT COUNCIL

"Resolved that Roman Catholicism is a serious menace to Evangelical Protestantism in the Americas" was the proposition of a debate sponsored jointly by the Girls' and Men's Student Councils. The Councils have sponsored three or four other meetings during the school year for the girls and fellows separately. These Councils are composed of five members each, one for each chosen by the faculty, and the other four elected by their respective student groups. The programs presented by the two Councils have as their purpose the promotion of closer fellowship and deeper devotion to God in our school life.



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- '. We're called to preach, not to scrub.



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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 5, Tues. (Confusion) Registration day.
- 7, Thurs. The new students are welcomed and introduced to the Faculty and workers in a get-acquainted service in the chapel.
- 8, Fri. First Mission Band service is held with Rev. Clayton Steiner, our former missionary, as speaker.
- 9, Sat. Annual get-acquainted picnic at Foster Park. The pear (pair) cannery is making progress.
- 11, Mon. First chorus practice with Prof. O-liver Steiner.
- 13, Wed. Assigned to first tables for the year.
- 15, Fri. The Mission Band sees pictures of Rev. Paul Bilheimer's missionary travels in Mexico.
- 16, Sat. Tueling arrives two weeks late (as usual).
- 18, Mon. Girls of upper classes choose student-council members.
- 21,21, Thur. First Senior Class meeting; Choose class officers.
- 22, Fri. James Geahlen, Gladys Chapman, Anne Grace Kontra, and Miss Mahala Diller tell in Mission Band of their work in Kentucky the past summer.
- 29, Fri. Many victories are won on our first monthly Day of Prayer. Mrs. Hazel Schwendener, the mother of one of our students, brings us a message from wartorn China in the evening Mission Band.

OCTOBER

- 6, Fri. Mrs. Emma Eckvall brings a message in Mission Band concerning conditions among Chinese children.
- 8, Sun. Students make announcements of the Youth Conference in city churches.
- 11, Wed. First Bow-Tie Day—Siemens wins with a seventeen-inch bow. Girls are vexed greatly.
- 12, Thur. The girls try a comeback with pigtails and gay ribbons. The fellows graciously treat them to red suckers at supper time.
- ·13, Fri. Rev. R. P. Clark, missionary to South America, tells us tonight of the grip which Catholicism has on this field.
- 17, Tues. Campus Day—result, a clean campus.
- 18, Wed. Stiff Church History test,—"only a guiz," Shank.
- 20, Fri. Youth Conference starts with Rev. Q. J. Everest, evangelist, and Rev. Dan Demin, song leader.
- 21, Sat. Discussion groups meet this forenoon.
- 22, Sun. Singspiration service this afternoon featuring a colored quartet. Youth Conference closes tonight.
- 23, Mon. Tired and sleepy students attend Day of Prayer in behalf of missions.
- 24, Tues. Mrs. Ramseyer gives chapel message and tells the "children" how to "shine" like Georgia did.







- 25, Wed. Rev. P. L. Eicher brings a chapel message on "Faith" and sings a solo.
- 26, Thur. Tonight the girls have their first fireside meeting in the dining hall, and names of silent sisters are given out. Fellows have a missionary lecture in the library along with a treat of ice cream—to compete with the girls' meeting.
- 27, Fri. Prof. Steiner conducts α hymn sing in Chapel. Rev. "Dick" Siemens presents pictures of his work in South America in Mission Band.
- 30, Mon. Rev. W. G. Weston begins series of chapel messages while conducting evangelistic meetings across the street.
- 31, Thurs. Second Campus Day this season,—results, more than just a clean campus.

NOVEMBER

- 6. Mon. Last year's graduate, Saddie Habagger, entertains us at supper time by singing, "When I Come to the End of My Way."
- 9. Thur. In Daniel Class Mr. Leightner tells the class that Zedekiah will be studied after the book of Daniel is completed. Mrs. Surbrook thinks seriously and finally catches on in embarrassment.
- 10, Fri. Mission Band is dismissed in order that we may hear the Westons across the street. "Brave Bill" breaks the formality of the service by having Bob Margary take an unknown part in a quartet.
- 14, Tues. President J. A. Ringenberg once again has the chapel service, and he continues his series of messages on the Beatitudes. Students rejoice at the news this forenoon of the coming Thanksgiving vacation.
- 17, Fri. Students at Mission Band get a hearty laugh from Rev. Fred Jorder's appeal to "Come to Africa; we have **everything** there."
- 18, Sat. We are pleasantly surprised to find hamburgers in the kitchen for supper and a seat with our best "friend" in the candle-lighted dining hall.
- 20, Mon. Rev. Harold Walker gives chapel message on "Sins of the Tongue."
- 21, Tues. A blind evangelist speaks in Chapel. Students sing "Happy Birthday" to Prof. Steiner in music class and at the dinner table.
- 22, Wed. Since Thanskgiving vacation starts at noon today, some of the teachers load us down with three examinations in the forenoon. Dr. N. C. Beskin, converted Jewish rabbi, holds the attention of the chapel audience.
- 27, Mon. Two-thirds of students return to school to rest up from a strenuous Thanksgiving vacation and too much turkey.
- 28, Tues. Remainder of the students straggle in from extended vacations.
- 29, Wed. New arrangement is started in the dining hall—change tables every week; no more trips to kitchen to wait on tables.
- 30, Thur. Monthly Day of Prayer.

DECEMBER

- 1, Fri. Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Oldfield bring us another message from suffering China.
- 4. Mon. Wayne Judd goes "skipping" through the sky to take a picture of B. I.
- 5. Tues. Prof. Shank helps Miss Lehner to quote Galatians 2:20 during the supper devotions.
- 6, Wed. Mr. Leightner, is absent for several days; consequently he burdens his classes with tests.
- 8, Fri. Mission Band dismissed to join with First Missionary Church in Missionary Convention.
- 10. Sun. Many Gospel teams have a dangerous trip back to Fort Wayne because of the year's worst blizzard.
- 11, Mon. Gleason Ledyard and Edgar Neuenschwander build an igloo back of Bethany Hall.
- 12, Tues. Ledyard's igloo makes the headlines in tonight's News-Sentinel and other newspapers of the country.
- 13, Wed. Fugitive alarm clocks cry out for help from behind upper-hall doors during dinner. Mr. Shank takes them into shelter after dinner. (Owners may call for same at his office.)
- 14, Thur. Girls have their Christmas fireside party in the recreation hall while the boys meet in the library for a fellowship meeting of Communion and Foot-washing.
- 15, Fri. Rev. Walter Arnold brings us a message tonight from Africa.
- 17, Sun. Prof. Steiner swings his baton for the last time this year as the B. I. chorus presents the "Messiah" to a full house.
- 18, Mon. Seniors take over the chapel period, giving sales talks on "The Light Tower," editor of which is Wayne "Brainyman." Students in girls' dormitory pray until late hours in the night for a revival.
- 20, Wed. Revival is greatly felt in chapel with confessions, blessings and victories announced.

 In the evening a big Christmas turkey dinner is servfollowed by a program and caroling.
- 21, Thur. Christmas vacation begins.

JANUARY, 1945

- 3. Wed. Vacation ends at 9:00 A. M. and classes begin. Some are snow-bound and cannot get back.
- 5. Fri. In chapel, after the Mission Band president makes an announcement which is not heard by the faculty, Dean Ringenberg replies, "I think when we're speaking from the floor, we should remember we are not speaking through a **microscope."**Rev. David Rupp, Jr. ('38) speaks in Mission Band about his first term in Africa.
- 8, Mon. Mr. Adam Lutzweiler plays the marimbaphone in Chapel.
- 9, Tues. Rev. John Woodhouse gives in Chapel a vivid description of the prodigal son as an "Adventurous Play Boy."





- 10, Wed. Halls in dormitory are quiet because students are cramming for semester's final tests.
- 11. Thur. Final examinations. Enough said.
- 12, Fri. Lois Schwendener, Charles Joder, David Siemens, Jr., students whose parents are missionaries, relate their experiences encountered in the mission field.
- 16, Tues. Exams over. Day of Prayer for open doors to mission fields.
- 18, Thur. Registration day brings problems and decisions.
- 19, Fri. First day of new classes, new students, new rooms, and new work!
- 24-26 Chaplain S. A. Witmer speaks in special opening services each evening and in Chapel.
- 31, Wed. Rev. Paul Hartford gives a chapel message for "Flying Missionaries."

FEBRUARY

- 2, Fri. Rev. Elmore Eicher from India speaks in Mission Band service.
- 3. Sat. Eleanor Waltman and Elmer Neuenschwander ('44) are married in a lovely church wedding across the street.
- 7, Wed. Church History class gets a new revelation, Anabaptist was John the Baptist's wife.
- 8, Thur. Open House! Girls and fellows get the tops of their doors dusted. Later we gather in the recreation hall for singing and refreshments.
- 9, Fri. Another "B. I." graduate, Rev. Waldo Schindler, brings a stirring message from Gaboon, South Africa.
- 14, Wed. Colonel Dodgeson, a "B. I." graduate and now chief Chaplain of the AAF in the European theater, speaks in Chapel. Many girls have a satisfied feeling tonight because of the heart-shaped boxes of candy they received today.
- 16, Fri. Mrs. J. C. Wengatz presents the need of Liberia, Africa, in tonight's Mission Band service.
- 21, Wed. Rev. Shepley treats the Light Tower Staff with 40c worth of ice cream in hope of receiving a free copy of "The Light Tower." (Editor's note: Other faculty members please notice.)
- 23, Fri. William (not Jennings) Bryan speaks during our monthly Day of Prayer.

 Miss Edna Pape ('38) speaks in Mission Band tonight.

MARCH

29, Thur. Spring vacation begins today.

MAY

- 20, Sun. Baccalaureate Service.
- 22, Tue. Presentation of "The Holy City" by Special Chorus.
- 24, Thur. Commencement.

JULY

- 8. Sun. Long awaited proofs arrive.
- Mon. Teuling, Ringenberg, & Ross assemble from tri-state area and work late into the night correcting proofs.

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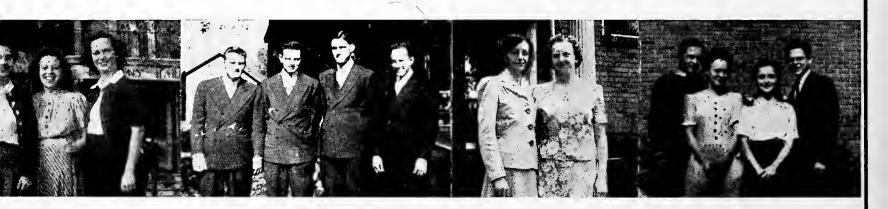
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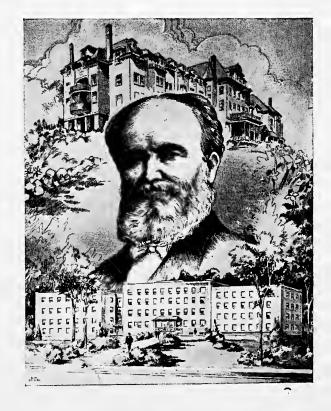
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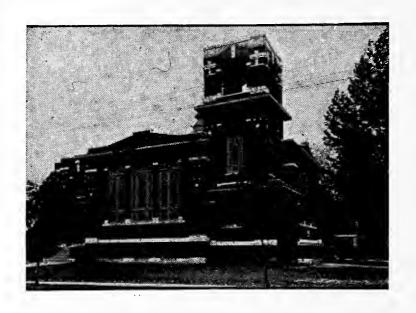
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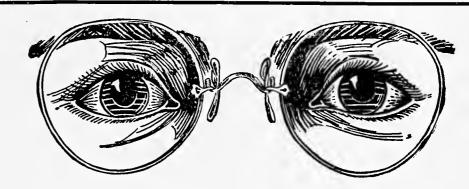
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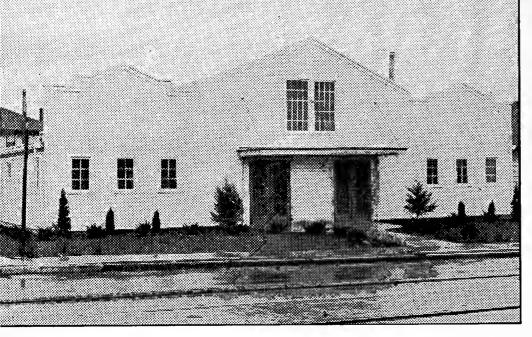
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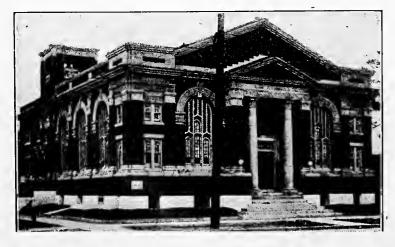
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